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1. A computerized method for processing of start-conditions
    processed by a computer systems acting as a Workflow-
    Management-System (WFMS) or a computer system with
    comparable functionality,

    said WFSM comprising at least one process-model said
    process-model comprising one or more process-activities
    being nodes of an arbitrary graph and directed control-
    connectors of said graph defining a potential control
    flow within said process-model; and

    said method evaluating, if a target-activity may be
    started, by evaluating the truth-value of a start-
    condition once the truth-values of all incoming control-
    connectors of said target-activity have been posted;

    and said method being further characterized by

    comprising a timed-evaluation-step,

    said timed-evaluation-step evaluating,

        if at least a first one of said incoming control-
        connectors is associated with a time-interval, and

        if said time-interval has been met,

    and, in the affirmative case, said timed-evaluation-step
    is continuing the processing to start said target-
    activity even if not all truth-values of said incoming
    control-connectors have been posted yet,

if the truth-value of said first incoming control-connector has been posted, and

if said truth-value evaluates to TRUE.

2. Method for processing of start-conditions processed according to claim 1,

wherein said first incoming control-connector is associated with a commencing-activity, and

wherein said timed-evaluation-step uses as starting point for said time-interval the point in time when said commencing-activity is completed.

3. Method for processing of start-conditions processed according to claim 2,

wherein said first incoming control-connector is associated with a path from said commencing-activity to said target-activity, and

said timed-evaluation-step is continuing the processing to start said target-activity,

if said associated path has been traversed.

4. A system comprising means adapted for carrying out the steps of the method according to anyone of the preceding claims 1 to 3.

5. A data processing program for execution in a data processing system comprising software code portions for performing a method according to anyone of the preceding claims 1 to 3.

6.   A computer program product stored on a computer usable
       medium, comprising computer readable program means for
       causing a computer to perform a method according to
       anyone of the preceding claims 1 to 3.